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## UNSET DAMON HIP POCKET

Man Who Offered to Sell Stone Arrested and Held as Suspicious Character.

## TOLD CONFLICTING TALES

Pair of Pincers Like Pickpockets Carry Also Revealed by Search.

H. C. Rathberg, who told the police that he was a representative of Collier's Weekly, was arrested yesterday afternoon and locked up in the First Police Station on the charge of being a suspicious character, suspected of felony. After he was carried to the station he admitted that he had been with Collier's for three weeks, and was registered at the Lexington Hotel as H. C. Reed.

At first he stated to the police that he came here from North Carolina and later admitted that he was from New York, living at 112 North One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street, that city.

Wanted to Sell Diamond.

The attention of the police was first called to him when he went into the place of Nathan Helstern, at Fifth and Broad Streets. As it happened, Helstern called Gering's attention to the queer actions of the man, and he was followed to Murphy's Hotel, where Detective Sergeant Willy and Policeman Clark were waiting. Gering repeated the story and Rathberg was arrested at the corner of Ninth and Broad Streets.

He took the arrest quietly, saying that he was a representative of Collier's, and then that he came from New York. He refused to say anything about his conversation with Helstern and informed the officers that they had no grounds upon which to base their arrest.

What Search Revealed.

They had very little to say, but took him at once to headquarters, where he was searched. There was an expensive pearl pin in his scarf and in his pocket a small diamond ring. A diamond for which he could not account. Gering, in following him from Helstern's store, saw him take the stone from his front pocket and place it in his hip pocket. It was wrapped in cotton and is said to be worth about \$200.

Besides the jewelry he had a pair of pincers such as are used by pickpockets. At one time he told the officers that he bought the stone from a man in Philadelphia, and later admitted to an officer that he had picked it off a man in New York. The officers will hold him until the case is fully investigated.

## MUCH INTEREST IN CURTIS CASE

Attorneys Allege Inspector Was Dropped to Kill Throckmorton Bill.

## WAS THERE ANY DEAL MADE?

Curtis Discharged and Statement Given Out That He Had Resigned.

Comparatively slow progress is being made in the trial of the suit of former Dairy Inspector R. H. Curtis against James Bellwood, for damages in the sum of \$15,000, which has been in progress for several days in the law and Equity Court. The evidence is taking a wide range, much of yesterday's session being taken up with examination of dairymen whose places have been filled by Mr. Curtis while an employee of the Health Department. O'Flaherty & Fulton appear for Mr. Curtis, and Smith, Moncre & Gordon for Mr. Bellwood.

Much of the evidence so far has been in line with what was given by the dairymen at the hearing held by the Board of Health when Mr. Bellwood preferred certain charges against the inspector. At that time Mr. Curtis was acquitted, the Health Board passing a resolution endorsing his resignation.

Later Mr. Bellwood renewed his charges before a committee of the Virginia Legislature, which was considering the Throckmorton bill, which, it was stated, if enacted, would have destroyed the entire dairy inspection system of the State of Virginia, by allowing any dairy to sell milk anywhere, provided it had a license from the State Dairy and Food Commissioner, thus ignoring the local health authorities.

Attorneys for Mr. Curtis broadly allege that Mr. Bellwood, who had before brought charges against Mr. Curtis, and failed to substantiate them, was more or less instrumental in having that bill introduced by Delegate C. W. Throckmorton, of Henrico county.

Say Curtis Was Sacrificed.

They charge that his interest in the matter was to take the inspection of dairies out of the hands of Mr. Curtis, who had more than once scored the Board of Health for the proprietor believed was just, and it is broadly intimated that the Throckmorton bill was finally allowed to die on the House calendar without coming to a vote with the understanding that the bill would be removed. Certain it is from evidence already introduced, that at a meeting of the Board of Health shortly afterwards, Chief Health Officer Levy recommended that Mr. Curtis be discharged for the good of the service. This action of the board was not made public at the time, but at a later meeting, also in executive session, it was announced that T. J. Strauch had been elected dairy inspector, to succeed R. H. Curtis, "resigned."

Mr. Curtis was prompt in his protest, notifying the board that at once that he had not and would not resign, asserting that the authorities had yielded to outside pressure and sacrificed him in order to secure the defeat of the obnoxious Throckmorton bill, which was implied to be a severe blow to the work, had it been enacted.

Bellwood Has Strong Defense.

H. M. Smith, Jr., and former State Senator Fulton are examining the witness, and every point is being warmly contested. It is probable that the trial will last for several days, and that much interesting matter in connection with the dairy inspection work will be brought out in the argument.

Press-examination of dairymen was mainly along lines here tofore gone over before the Health Board, the attempt being to show that Mr. Curtis made errors in scoring; that he had failed to enter information as to the tuberculosis test in the cases of dairies where that test had been applied; that in one case he had assisted a small farmer in getting out of the dairy business by finding him a pure, aer for his cows and accepting a commission on the sale, it being the announced intention of the defense to continue this line of cross-examination with a view to showing the jury that Mr. Bellwood, who is one of the largest and most representative farmers of Chesterfield county, was justified in making strong representations to the Health Department of the State's unfairness, and that finally the Board of Health was justified in taking the advice of the chief health officer and discharging him for the good of the service. The progress of the trial will be watched with great interest, many dairymen and others being present yesterday.

## ROMANCE CHILD IN STATION HOUSE

Ohio Girl and Frenchman Locked Up by Order of Brother-in-Law.

## AWAIT PERMISSION TO WED

Application at Hustings Court for License Denied Because of Girl's Age.

On complaint of an irate brother-in-law, who, it is said, has nothing at all to do with the romance, Rosa Boyer, a handsome young woman, who claims St. Mary's, O., as her home, and her fiancé, E. J. Mercler, a Frenchman, are locked up in the First Police Station, awaiting permission of Miss Boyer's parents for their marriage. They hope to receive a letter from the old folks to-morrow. Meanwhile they are making themselves content in their rooms at the First Station, where they landed late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Mercler said that he was a native of France, and made his living by doing a trick bicycle stunt on the stage. A month or more ago he landed at a fair in Columbus, O., where he did his act, and later met Miss Boyer.

Love at First Sight.

"It was a case of love at first sight," said Mercler, and they decided to make a match of it as soon as possible. On his way South he sent her a message and her transportation to Richmond, and she left, they said, with the consent of her parents. Arriving in this city late Saturday afternoon, she went at once to his quarters at 714 East Franklin Street, but it was too late to secure a marriage license.

Yesterday Detective Captain McMahon received the letter from the industrious brother-in-law, who asked that they be arrested and held. Detective Kellam was detailed on the case, and soon found the couple. When he appeared at the boarding house they were not at all perturbed, and told him that they had delayed the matter of getting married on account of the snowy day. Kellam thought it best to clear it up at once, and advised them to go to the clerk's office at the Hustings Court. Apparently they were more than willing to hasten the ceremony, but a very serious hitch occurred when Deputy Clerk Breiden asked the age of the bride and she said that she was only twenty. There was nothing left to be done but to lock them both up and await a registered letter from the parents, which will contain the legal consent. Both are very sore on the brother-in-law, whom they say they will beat in the end.

Wait for the Wedding.

Last night Mercler said that he could have married the girl long since, but that they had decided to wait until when they could be suitable to him. He arranged things here and sent her the money to come. They both called to mind the fact that in Ohio a woman need only be eighteen years old to marry, whether there was a father or no, and that he knew about the Virginia law, but it seems the brother-in-law did, and brought the romance to a sudden end.

In the police station last night Mercler philosophically smoked cigarettes and looked out the window at the stars. His fiancée read a Gilbert Parker novel a door or two higher up the corridor. Neither one availed, because each was certain of the parents' consent at least by noon to-morrow. They said that when they were married they would be perfectly satisfied with the match, and that the brother-in-law had nothing to do with it.

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## RICHMOND SENDS GAS EXPLOSION BIG DELEGATION JUST REPORTED

City, Chamber and T. P. A. Representatives at River and Harbors Congress.

A subcommittee from the James River Improvement Committee, representing both the councilman and members from the Chamber of Commerce, will leave this afternoon at 5 o'clock from Main Street Station for Washington, to attend the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which convenes to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the New Willard Hotel for four days' session.

Those who will represent the city or Richmond are Mayor D. C. Richardson, President R. L. Peters, of the Common Council; Chairman George W. Rogers, of the Council Committee on Improvement of the James River; Chairman E. D. Richardson, of the Council Committee on Electricity; Alderman John B. Billey, Chairman of the Council Committee on Buildings; Councilman Julius A. Hobson and Carter C. Jones; and from the Chamber of Commerce, President Henry W. Wood, former President Frank D. Williams, E. C. Laird, W. A. Crenshaw, Frank Butler, M. C. Chamber, George Bryan, John C. Freeman, B. H. Ellington, T. M. Carrington, Business Manager W. T. Dabney and Secretary R. A. Dunlop.

Representatives from Post A. Travelers' Protective Association, will accompany the delegation. John C. Freeman, a chamber member of the Committee on Improvement of the James River, has been made a member of the board of directors of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and has just been appointed by the Congress, as chairman of the resolutions committee, one of the highest honors within the gift of the chairman.

Mr. Freeman left for Washington last night, as his committee will organize the conference of the Virginia delegation will be held to-morrow morning at the New Willard Hotel, in which the Senators and congressmen from Virginia will participate.

Had Day for Fire Alarm.

The fire department was called out late yesterday afternoon for a small fire in the rear of the Baughman Stationery Company, on West Clay Street. The fire broke out in a vacant stable and did little damage. Fifteen minutes after the alarm came in the back tap sounded.

German Toys Arriving.

Unusually large shipments of German toys are now coming into Richmond for the holiday trade. It was said yesterday by the customs house that this is due to the fact that local dealers are importing their wares direct from Germany, instead of through the importers of New York.

Disorderly Driver Fined.

George Ellis, the negro who was disorderly while driving a carriage in a funeral procession Sunday, was fined \$5 and costs yesterday by Magistrate Andrew Folsey, of Barton Heights.

Fire Commissioners in Session.

At a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners last night the following substitutes were appointed to the Board: W. B. Walker, to Engine Company No. 19; W. B. Gude, Jr., and C. S. Smith, to the Fire Alarm Association terms satisfactorily were placed on the eligible list of substitutes.

## VEILED PROPHETS TO ORGANIZE HERE

Visitors From Washington Will Introduce Enchantments to Local Masons.

Between seventy-five and one hundred of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm will come to Richmond from Washington to-morrow afternoon to institute a groto of the order in this city. Not that Washington is an enchanted realm, or that the prophets will be veiled when they get here. It is only the name.

About one hundred Richmond members of Masonic blue lodges will join the Veiled Prophets, the ceremony being held to-morrow night at 8 o'clock in Masonic Hall. The new order bears a relation to the blue lodges that is borne by the Mystic Shrine to the Knights Templar and Scottish Rite Masons. In other words, it is the special branch of Masonry.

The local organization will be known as Samis Grotto, which in Washington is named Kallipolis Grotto. The delegation from the capital city will reach Richmond at 2:45 to-morrow afternoon, and will be met by a delegation, which will endeavor to entertain them in the afternoon in exchange for the entertainment which will be given the locals at night by the visitors. A special train will bear the Kallipolis Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm to the enchantments of Richmond.

NO CANDY RAFFLES

Trafford Fined and Court Issues Warning to All Dealers.

On the charge of promoting a lottery, or raffle, in which candy was given as prizes, Peter Trafford, a West Broad Street confectioner, was found guilty in the Police Court yesterday morning, and fined \$20 and costs. Counsel for Trafford stated that his client would plead guilty, and asked that the minimum fine be imposed. Justice Crutchfield said that it was a flagrant case of gaming, and one calculated especially to lead off the young.

Many of these candy lotteries have been running in the city recently, but this is the first arrest of a dealer in the field warned the merchants that hereafter no excuse would be taken, but that all would be handled with the same severity as Trafford.

Joe Flippin, colored, charged with carrying a concealed weapon and with being drunk, was fined \$100 and required to give security in the sum of \$100 for twelve months. He went to jail.

Earnest Jones, colored, alias Babytown, was fined \$50 and sent to jail for six months for wounding Charles Rosenberg, with a rock.

Woodmen of World to Meet.

Hickory Grove, a branch of the World, will hold its regular convention to-night at Marshall Hall. An election of officers, a smoker and a wood-chopping are on the program.

All Woodmen are invited.

## APPEAL IS TAKEN ON ORAL CONTRACT

Right of Way of Norfolk Street Railway Company Is Involved.

In the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday an appeal was allowed from a judgment of the Law and Chancery Court of the city of Norfolk in the case of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company against C. B. White & Bros. It involves the status of an oral contract as opposed to a recorded deed, in a case where the occupation of the premises is daily open and notorious.

In 1901, the petitioners, D. C. Foreman, the owner of a tract of land, agreed to erect a trestle and to give a perpetual right of way across it to the Berkley Street Railway Company. For this the concern paid \$1,000. Foreman built the trestle and the cars of the company have ever since been operated thereon. Later the street railway was sold to the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company, the appellant in the present instance.

Foreman sold his lands, which included the right of way, to the John L. Roper Lumber Company, which later conveyed them to C. B. White. The latter brought suit of ejectment to compel the removal of the tracks and to keep the railway company from the land. A demurrer was dismissed by the lower court, and on this point the appeal is taken.

Williams & Tunstall and Henry W. Anderson represent the appellants.

## ZUEBLIN'S LECTURE

"The Twentieth Century School" to Be Discussed by an Expert.

Public-spirited citizens, especially those interested in educational affairs, are enthusiastic about the lecture on "The Twentieth Century School," which will be given by Charles Zueblin, of Boston, on Friday night, under the auspices of the Richmond Education Association.

Mr. Zueblin is known in Richmond. He spoke here last summer on "The Modern City." He has visited many cities of this country, and recently has called attention to conditions prevailing in the average American school.

Through his observations he has drawn his own conclusions, and his institution of learning of to-day should be the present problems facing educators to-day. It is said, are attributed to the great growth of cities.

Artillerymen Will Take Anti-Typhoid Vaccination To-night.

At least a portion of the battery will be vaccinated against typhoid fever to-night at the Howitzers' armory, under the supervision of the surgeon, Dr. F. K. T. Warrick, who has made a study of the use of this virus as a means of preventing disease among military establishments, will administer the treatment.

Six or eight hours to-night as many of the artillerymen as they desire will have what is in reality a slight attack of typhoid, which will be removed by the virus. The effects are felt by those treated, and the rise in temperature would not be noticed by those who are expecting some such result.

So far as observations on the effects go the treatment positively prevents typhoid for at least three years.

## RETAIN TRAFFORD TO START PLANT

Engaged at Salary of \$200 a Month to Furnish City With Lights.

At a meeting of the Council Committee on Electricity last night, Consulting Engineer E. W. Trafford was retained at a salary of \$200 per month on a temporary basis, with instructions to get the municipal electric plant in working order as soon as possible.

Mr. Trafford reported that he had more than the city's work on hand, and could not give his whole time to the superintendency of the municipal plant. He offered to resign his position, which was accepted. He was given authority to employ such men as were needed to get the plant in working order, and to purchase 250 tons of coal so that the plant could be fired up and the generators be in operation by the end of this week. Both the current for the ornamental lights on Broad Street and for water-pumping purposes. The subcommittee was continued with instructions to report a proper ordinance creating the position of superintendent of the plant, fixing the salary, and also outlining the number, duties and compensation of the permanent employees. Mr. Trafford's present agreement will continue, however, until such an ordinance is adopted by the Council, the committee having \$5,000 at its disposal, with instructions to get the power house in operation as soon as possible.

Henrico Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued yesterday before Magistrate T. J. Puryear, of Henrico county, to James Botts Hughes and Miss Cornelia Woodlin.

Pleads Guilty of Horse Stealing.

Zeb Scott, colored, pleaded guilty yesterday before Magistrate T. J. Puryear, of Henrico county, to the charge of horse stealing, and was sent to the county jail for three months, grand jury. Scott recently stole and attempted to sell for \$15 a mare owned by H. J. Renne.

## BECOME MEMBERS OF STATE LEAGUE

Purchasers of 200 Red Cross Seals Enrolled for One Year.

Every purchaser of 200 Red Cross seals at any one time is to be issued a certificate of annual membership to the State Anti-Tuberculosis Association. This action, which has just been authorized by the State association, is expected to largely increase the demand for seals, as many persons wish to co-operate with the State league.

Beautiful certificates of membership in the State association, signed by the president and executive officers, have been received here and are being issued to those who purchase 200 seals. These certificates are highly ornamental, aside from their value as evidence of enlistment in a noble cause, and are in great demand.

Those who have charge of the work here request that all purchasers of 200 seals who desire certificates will ask for them at once, as they make no purchase, as this will save inconvenience and possible confusion.

The sale yesterday was satisfactory, and the workers at a number of the agencies were busy during morning hours selling seals to the purchasers.

Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the Committee on James River Improvement, scheduled for yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, was postponed until next Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock. The postponement was at the request of the committee members, who said they were not ready to make report on the various plans submitted for building a new city wharf.

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